

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

Some people who are low income or on disability do not have the extra money to pay more taxes. We are being taxed to death as it is. Right now I am on disability and my husband is out of work due to heart problems and diabetes and sleep apnea and will probably be on disability soon also. We have to pay so much in taxes as it is that we have to decide whether to buy groceries or medicine we both need to live. Why keep taxing us more. Do we who do not have much money have to keep suffering due to the greediness of big businesses and our government???? Please consider what you will be doing to us in this matter. If some of us do not have our phones and have an emergency what do we do just die????

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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